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Poverty guidelines since 1982 for the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia can be calculated by addition using the figures shown below. (This simple calculation procedure gives correct guideline figures for each year, but it is not identical to the procedure by which the poverty guidelines are calculated from the poverty thresholds each year; see an [example calculation](#).) Before 1982, the poverty guidelines were issued by the Office of Economic Opportunity/Community Services Administration.

NOTE: The poverty guideline figures below are NOT the figures the Census Bureau uses to calculate the number of poor persons.

The figures that the Census Bureau uses are the [poverty thresholds](#).

HHS Poverty Guidelines

YEAR	FIRST PERSON	EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON	(FOUR-PERSON FAMILY)	PAGE WITH COMPLETE DETAILS
2018	\$12,140	\$4,320	(\$25,100)	2018 Guidelines
2017	\$12,060	\$4,180	(\$24,600)	2017 Guidelines
2016	\$11,880	Varies	(\$24,300)	2016 Guidelines

2015	\$11,770	\$4,160	(\$24,250)	2015 Guidelines
2014	\$11,670	\$4,060	(\$23,850)	2014 Guidelines
2013	\$11,490	\$4,020	(\$23,550)	2013 Guidelines
2012	\$11,170	\$3,960	(\$23,050)	2012 Guidelines
2011	10,890	3,820	(22,350)	2011 Guidelines
2010	10,830	3,740	(22,050)	Guidelines for Remainder of 2010 Extension of 2009 Guidelines Until at Least 5/31/2010
2009	10,830	3,740	(22,050)	2009 Guidelines
2008	10,400	3,600	(21,200)	2008 Guidelines
2007	10,210	3,480	(20,650)	2007 Guidelines
2006	9,800	3,400	(20,000)	2006 Guidelines
2005	9,570	3,260	(19,350)	2005 Guidelines
2004	9,310	3,180	(18,850)	2004 Guidelines
2003	8,980	3,140	(18,400)	2003 Guidelines
2002	8,860	3,080	(18,100)	2002 Guidelines
2001	8,590	3,020	(17,650)	2001 Guidelines
2000	8,350	2,900	(17,050)	2000 Guidelines
1999	8,240	2,820	(16,700)	1999 Guidelines
1998	8,050	2,800	(16,450)	1998 Guidelines
1997	7,890	2,720	(16,050)	1997 Guidelines
1996	7,740	2,620	(15,600)	1996 Guidelines
1995	7,470	2,560	(15,150)	
1994	7,360	2,480	(14,800)	

1993	6,970	2,460	(14,350)	
1992	6,810	2,380	(13,950)	
1991	6,620	2,260	(13,400)	
1990	6,280	2,140	(12,700)	
1989	5,980	2,040	(12,100)	
1988	5,770	1,960	(11,650)	
1987	5,500	1,900	(11,200)	
1986	5,360	1,880	(11,000)	
1985	5,250	1,800	(10,650)	
1984	4,980	1,740	(10,200)	
1983	4,860	1,680	(9,900)	
1982*	4,680	1,540	(9,300)	

* Figures for nonfarm families only.

For a table showing the poverty guidelines for all family sizes back to 1965, see [Table 3.E8](#) in the most recent Annual Statistical Supplement of the Social Security Bulletin .

Poverty guidelines for the years shown above can be found in the *Federal Register* as follows:

2016 Vol. 81, No.15, January 25, 2016, pp. 4036-4037

2015 Vol. 80, No. 14, January 22, 2015, pp. 3236-3237

2014 Vol. 79, No. 14, January 22, 2014, pp. 3593-3594

2013 Vol. 78, No. 16, January 24, 2013, pp. 5182-5183

2012 Vol. 77, No. 17, January 26, 2012, pp. 4034-4035

2011 Vol. 76, No. 13, January 20, 2011, pp. 3637-3638

2010 (Delayed update) Vol. 75, No. 148, August 3, 2010, pp. 45628-45629

(Extension of the 2009 poverty guidelines until at least March 1, 2010)¹ Vol. 75, No. 14, January 22, 2010, pp. 3734-3735

2009 Vol. 74, No. 14, January 23, 2009, pp. 4199-4201

2008 Vol. 73, No. 15, January 23, 2008, pp. 3971-3972

2007 Vol. 72, No. 15, January 24, 2007, pp. 3147-3148

2006 Vol. 71, No. 15, January 24, 2006, pp. 3848-3849

2005 Vol. 70, No. 33, February 18, 2005, pp. 8373-8375
2004 Vol. 69, No. 30, February 13, 2004, pp. 7336-7338
2003 Vol. 68, No. 26, February 7, 2003, pp. 6456-6458
2002 Vol. 67, No. 31, February 14, 2002, pp. 6931-6933
2001 Vol. 66, No. 33, February 16, 2001, pp. 10695-10697

2000 Vol. 65, No. 31, February 15, 2000, pp. 7555-7557
1999 Vol. 64, No. 52, March 18, 1999, pp. 13428-13430
1998 Vol. 63, No. 36, February 24, 1998, pp. 9235-9238
1997 Vol. 62, No. 46, March 10, 1997, pp. 10856-10859
1996 Vol. 61, No. 43, March 4, 1996, pp. 8286-8288

1995 Vol. 60, No. 27, February 9, 1995, pp. 7772-7774
1994 Vol. 59, No. 28, February 10, 1994, pp. 6277-6278
1993 Vol. 58, No. 28, February 12, 1993, pp. 8287-8289
1992 Vol. 57, No. 31, February 14, 1992, pp. 5455-5457
1991 Vol. 56, No. 34, February 20, 1991, pp. 6589-6861

1990 Vol. 55, No. 33, February 16, 1990, pp. 5664-5666
1989 Vol. 54, No. 31, February 16, 1989, pp. 7097-7098
1988 Vol. 53, No. 29, February 12, 1988, pp. 4213-4214
1987 Vol. 52, No. 34, February 20, 1987, pp. 5340-5341
1986 Vol. 51, No. 28, February 11, 1986, pp. 5105-5106

1985 Vol. 50, No. 46, March 8, 1985, pp. 9517-9518²
1984 Vol. 49, No. 39, February 27, 1984, pp. 7151-7152
1983 Vol. 48, No. 34, February 17, 1983, pp. 7010-7011
1982 Vol. 47, No. 69, April 9, 1982, pp. 15417-15418

¹ The Congress subsequently extended the 2009 guidelines until at least March 31 and then until at least May 31, 2010. HHS reported those extensions on the Poverty Guidelines web site.

² For a correction of a typographical error in one figure for Hawaii for 1985, see Federal Register , Vol. 50, No. 50, March 14, 1985, p. 10319.

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